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Aides to legal researcher Sherman Skolnick said Tuesday they still had no clues to his whereabouts almost 24 hours after they reported him missing.

Skolnick, 42, and his driver, David Hoffman, 31, were reported missing at 10 a.m. Monday to South Chicago District police.

A Skolnick aide, Leland Cole, said he notified police afterSkolnick and Hoffman left Skolnick's home at 9800 S. Oglesby and failed to make a prearranged telephone call.

Cole said they were going to a meeting about the Watergate bugging case and that Skolnick was believed to be carrying his entire Watergate file.

COLE SAID Skolnick's group, Citizens Committee to Clean Up the Courts, believes federal government agents seized the dossiers because of Skolnick's research on the Watergate affair.

The FBI said it is "aware of the allegations" but not conducting an investigation.

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